(b) if so, the details of such plan in respect of State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the funds required and the provisions made in the current year; and

(d) whether any target has been laid down and the steps taken to achieve the same?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a plan to provide telephone facilities to all the villages in the country.

(b) Out of total 29460 villages, 19753 villages have been provided with telephone facilities as on 31.1.97 Remaining villages are being covered progressively.

(c) Rs. 23.34 crores has been provided for this purpose.

The target for the year 1996-97 has been fixed as 4000 Villages Public Telephones (VPTs). Steps have been taken to achieve this target.

Setting up of Electronic Exchanges in Bihar

432. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of out-dated telephone exchanges in Bihar;

(b) whether Government propose to replace these exchanges with electronic exchanges;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) the waiting list for telephone connections and the time by which the connections are likely to be given to those subscribers there;

(e) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government for setting up more electronic exchanges and expansion of telephone services in the State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a).

(d) The waiting list in Bihar as on 31.1.97 is 61120. The connections are being given progressively and the waiting list as on 31.1.97 is likely to be cleared by 1998.

(e) and (f) Yes Sir, Annual plans are drown for setting up of more telephone exchanges and expansion of telephone system.

The programme for expansion of small, medium and large exchanges during 96-97 is as furnished below:—

(a) *Small and Medium exchanges* -24,000 lines

(b) *Large Exchanges:*

(i) New Technology	-20,000 lines
(ii) E-10B	-11,000 lines
(iii) C-DOT MBM	-5,500 lines

Re-Opening of Sub-Post Office in Govindpuri

433. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the residents of Govindpuri, Rampuri and other adjoining DDA flats have to face a lot of inconvenience due to absence of Post Office in Govindpuri;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a Sub-Post Office used to function in Govindpuri for several years but it was closed some years back;

(d) if so, the reasons for the closure;

(e) whether Government will propose to consider re-opening of the Sub-Post Office keeping in view the large population of the area; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No Sir, a Sub Post Office in the name of Govindpuri is already functioning in the area which is

catering to the needs of Govindpuri, Rampuri and other adjoining DDA flats.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) Post Offices was not closed but it had to be shifted from Govindpuri in view of non-availability of suitable accommodation.

(e) and (f) The present Post Office serves the entire area of Govindpuri, Rampuri and other adjoining DDA flats.

विवरण

दरभंगा जिला (बिहार) में एस०टी०डी०/आई०एस०डी०/पी०सी०ओ० बूथ

434. श्री राम गोपाल यादव: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) चालू वर्ष और वर्ष 1997-98 के दौरान दरभंगा जिले (बिहार) में कुल कितने एस टी डी/आई एस डी/पी सी ओ बूथ आवंटित किए जाने का लक्ष्य है, और

(ख) उक्त बूथों के लिए कुल कितने व्यक्तियों ने आवेदन किया है और इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) दरभंगा जिला में 1996-97 के दौरान 53 एस टी डी पी सी ओ अनुमोदित किये जाने का लक्ष्य है। अभी 1997-98 के लिए लक्ष्य निश्चित नहीं किया गया है।

(ख) 226 आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं। एस टी डी पी सी ओ के आवंटन के लिए एस टी डी पी सी ओ आवंटन समिति की मार्च 1997 में होने वाली अगली बैठक में इनकी जांच की जाएगी। ब्यौरे विवरण में दिये गये हैं।

दरभंगा जिले में आई एस डी/एस टीडी पी सी ओ बूथों के बारे में एक्सचेंजवार लंबित आवेदनों का ब्यौरा।

क्र०सं०	एक्सचेंज का नाम	लंबित आवेदनों की संख्या
1.	अदामा	30
2.	बेनीपुर	16
3.	बिरौल	4
4.	भेलपट्टी	7
5.	भरवारा	3
6.	हैयाघाट	2
7.	हथौरी	5
8.	जेली	2
9.	हनुमान नगर	9
10.	कमटौल	—
11.	कंसाई	1
12.	केरजा	1
13.	कुसोथार	6
14.	कुशेसवर अस्थाना	1
15.	मंझौली	4
16.	लंहरा	3
17.	मेहरा	—
18.	पघारी	3
19.	पानोहोव	2
20.	पुरखोपटटी	3
21.	सकतपुर	2
22.	सिंमरी	3
23.	सोनकी	—
24.	तरसराई	
25.	उज्जैन	2
26.	बाघट	5
27.	क्योली	5
28.	दरभंगा	90
29.	पिडेरूओह	2
30.	रेयाम	4
31.	लेडारी	3
32.	बहेरी	3
33.	सूरहा	55
34.	केरजा	1
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